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SCHEME FOR FLOOD CONTROL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is formulating any concrete scheme to deal with the problems relating to floods in the States in future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) Flood Management being a State subject, theschemes for flood control are planned, funded and executed by the State Governments as per their own priorities. The assistance rendered byCentral Government is technical, catalytical and promotional in nature.

For tackling the flood problem in the Ganga and Brahmaputra Basin States, Government of India set upthe Ganga Flood Control Commission in 1972 and Brahmaputra Board in1982 who prepared Master Plans for the respective basins, which were forwarded to the concerned states for taking further action.

A model Draft Bill for flood plain zoning was also prepared and sent to States for enactment of suitable legislation. Flood Forecasting & Warning Services are also being provided to the States by the Central Water Commission(CWC) through a network of 166 flood forecasting stations. The network is being modernised for which a scheme has been approved for implementation during Tenth Five Year Plan. Cooperation also exists between India and neighbouring countries of China, Bhutan & Nepal for receiving hydrological information during flood season which help CWC in flood forecasting activities.

As long term measures for control of floods in the North Eastern Region, Government of Indiahas taken up the execution of Pagladiya Dam Project in Assam through Brahmaputra Board.The National Hydroelectric Power Corporationhas been entrusted with the investigation & implementation of Siang (Dihang)and Subansiri Dam Projects in stagesin Brahmaputra valley while the Tipaimukh Project in Barak valley has been entrusted to North Eastern Electric Power Corporation for investigation and implementation. These multipurpose projects will play a major role in control of floods.

In regard to North Bihar and Eastern U.P. where floods aremainly caused by rivers flowing from Nepal, it has been agreed with Nepal to take up field investigations/studies and preparation of Detailed Project Report of multipurposeproject on river Kosi. The field investigations on Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project located on river Mahakali (Sharda) have also been completed. These projects will, interalia, have flood control benefits.

A National Perspective Plan for water resources development which envisages inter linkages among Peninsular and Himalayan rivers for transferring water from water surplus basins to water deficit areas for optimum utilization of water resources has been formulated which interalia will also have flood control benefits.

In addition Central Government is also rendering financial assistance to State Governments through Centrally Sponsored Schemes for carrying out critical flood management works.